

Double Shell Closure with Support Ribs
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested. Claims 22-24, 26-33, 35-39, and 41-42 remain in the pending application. Please cancel claims 25, 34, and 40. On February 4, 3003 during a telephone conference, Applicant's attorney spoke with the Examiner concerning amendments to the independent claims of the pending application. Applicant's attorney and the Examiner agreed that previously added element "g" of claim 22 is not necessary to overcome the cited prior art rejection. The Examiner informed Applicant's attorney that previously added element "g" could be removed and Applicant's attorney has amended claim 22 accordingly. Applicant's attorney has further corrected a transcriptional error in claim 22, element "e".

Applicant's attorney has amended claims 23 and 24 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the patentable subject matter. Applicant's attorney has amended claims 23 and 24 to provide proper antecedent basis. Applicant's attorney believes claims 23 and 24 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant's attorney has amended 28 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the patentable subject matter. Applicant's attorney has amended claim 28 to correct transcriptional errors and provide proper antecedent basis. Applicant's attorney has also amended claims 28 in light of the Examiner's pending office action citing allowable subject matter of claim 22. Applicant's attorney believes claim 28 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant's attorney has amended claim 32 to more particularly point out and distinctly

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claim the patentable subject matter. Claim 32 has been amended to edit various transcriptional errors. Further, in light of the allowable subject matter of the Examiner's pending office action, Applicant's attorney has amended claim 32 to include limitations, believed by Applicant's attorney to be the basis for allowance of claim 22, in order to place claim 32 in condition for allowance. Applicant's attorney believes claim 32 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant's attorney has amended claim 37 to include the limitation of claim 40 as set forth by the Examiner as allowable subject matter. Applicant's attorney has further amended claims 38 and 39 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the patentable subject matter. Applicant's attorney has amended the claims to correct antecedent basis. Also, claim 41 has been amended to correct dependency due to the canceling of claim 40. Applicant's attorney believes claims 37-39 to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant's attorney acknowledges the allowable subject matter of claims 22-24 and 26-27 as set forth in the Examiner's pending office action. Applicant's attorney also acknowledges the allowable subject matter of claims 40-41, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

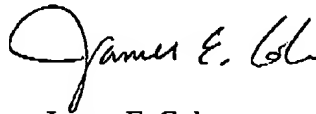
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Conclusion

Applicant urges that the instant application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests all grounds of rejection be withdrawn. However, if the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney of record would appreciate a collect call at (502) 584-1135 to discuss such remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,



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